

Summary of Notes of 70th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 19.01.2023)

2	<p><u>Matters arising from last meeting</u></p>
2.1.	<p><u>Review of Protection Requirements against Fire and Smoke in Protected Areas</u></p> <p>HKRVCA would simplify and fine-tune the schematic diagrams for illustrative examples of typical provisions of fire dampers at compartment walls and, fire & smoke dampers at fire-rated ceilings in protected lobbies/areas at different scenarios for further review in coming VILG meeting, if necessary.</p>
2.2.	<p><u>Compliance Inspection for Ventilating System in Licensed Premises</u></p> <p>The “Guidance Drawing of Ventilating System Compliance Inspection Arrangement in Licensed Premises” was confirmed and uploaded to FSD webpage with the notes of 69th VILG meeting. FSD provided a presentation on the Guidance Drawing to over 700 participants from the trade and public through “FSD Connects” on 9.12.2022. FSD invited all members to join the promotion works of ventilation drawing production enhancement in order to streamline the progress of compliance inspection of licensed premises.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Review on Part XI, FSD Circular Letter no. 4/96</u></p> <p>FSD stated that the final draft of Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating System was issued to all members for comment on 17.1.2023. During the meeting, HKACRA pointed out a typo error for the positioning of para. 6.2.8 and 6.2.9. FSD would consolidate the comments and finalize the contents of the proposed FSD Circular Letter for promulgation shortly.</p> <p>The Fire Safety Requirements were revised to align with the requirements of gas extraction system for the type of premises with battery rooms and electrical charging facilities stipulated in the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment (Sep 2022). The revised requirements are to be promulgated separately in another Circular Letter. FSD advised that the gas extraction system would be maintained in efficient working order at all time and shall be inspected by a registered FSI contractor at least once in every 12 months.</p>

	<p>The Fire Safety Requirements were also revised to conform with the amended Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295) which came into effect on 31 March 2022. The revised requirements were incorporated into Section 2.3.3, Chapter 2.3 of “A Guide to Application for Dangerous Goods Licence and Approval” issued by this Department.</p>
3.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p>
3.1	<p><u>Office Relocation of VD</u></p> <p>FSD advised that the office of VD would be relocated from 3/F, Kwai Chung Office Building to 35/F Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, in end February 2023.</p>
3.2	<p><u>e-Submission</u></p> <p>FSD briefed the development of e-submission with the use of “iAM Smart Plus” and the updates of downloadable forms for Ventilating System in 2022. The trade of ventilation installation owners / contractors was encouraged to use the new version of these forms for their submission to VD, even though the traditional submission channel of hard copy would be kept in parallel use.</p> <p>HKRVCA and HKIE pointed out that large amount of submission (e.g. 50 submissions by the same applicant) would be expected in their trade operation. The proposed e-submission arrangement with iAM Smart Plus should be catered for massive operation by the trade.</p>
3.3	<p>HKRVCA asked for the updated development on Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme and registration mechanism of RFE(VentS). VD was given to know that the RFE Scheme was still under reviewed within Government Departments. There were no significant updates at the moment.</p>